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In re Application of :
O'CONNOR, Mark Kevin :
Application No.: 09/937,639 :
PCT No.: PCT/AU00/00286 : COMMUNICATION
Int'l Filing Date: 05 April 2000 :
Priority Date: 05 April 1999 :
For: TEXT PROCESSING AND DISPLAY :
METHODS AND SYSTEM :

This is in response to applicant's "Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371," filed 06 December 2001, requesting that the Office accept the drawings as originally filed.

BACKGROUND

On 05 April 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/AU00/00286. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the United State Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau (IB) on 12 October 2000. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was timely filed on 06 June 2000. Accordingly, the thirty-month period to comply with the requirements for entry into the national stage in the United States expired at midnight on 05 October 2001.

On 25 September 2001, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the requisite basic national fee.

On 02 November 2001, the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that the existing translation was defective as text in the drawings had not been properly translated and that the processing fee for late filing of a translation was required.

On 06 December 2001, applicant filed a "Response to Notification of Missing Requirements," requesting that the Office reconsider its decision on the drawings as set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements and submitting that the foreign language text is intended to illustrate portions of the invention.

DISCUSSION

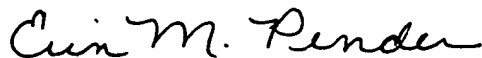
On 02 November 2001, the Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements stating that the drawings had been improperly translated. On 06 December 2001, applicant filed Response to Notification of Missing Requirements stating "the text in the drawings, e.g., Figures

6-12, is intended to be non-English to illustrate portions of the invention." The description of the figures makes clear that the foreign language characters are to demonstrate text-morphing techniques. The English language translation of the Chinese characters at the bottom of the page appears at the top of the page, but the specific meaning of the words in the drawings is not necessary to understanding the invention.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 02 November 2001 is VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application, including accordation of a 35 U.S.C. §371 date of 25 September 2001



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